

## STYLES IN TOYS.

Santa Claus Has Become Quite Martial This Year.

IS ONE RESULT OF THE SPANISH WAR

America Will Have No Toys  
Guns, Swords, Pistols and  
Battleships.

Any new styles in toys?" asked a Post  
reporter of one of Santa Claus' largest  
manufacturers.

"Well, I guess so; never saw the in-  
fantine going so rampant since I came  
into the business," was the prompt re-  
sponse.

"What is the greatest change, and what  
do you think about it?" was asked.

"The boys all grew military  
the conflict was on, and the man-  
ufacturer took advantage of the fever,  
and it would not last, and taxed the  
generosity of the inventor to the full limit,  
and a result—let me show you over  
a small lot of toys."

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## HOBSON AT ANNAPOLIS.

He Will Instruct a Class in Naval Archi-  
tecture This Winter.

ENSIGN POWELL ONE OF HIS PUPILS

Rebuilding of the Academy Now Un-  
der Way—Instructions in the  
Art of Dancing.

Annapolis, Md., December 16.—Broadly  
speaking, a year ago at this time almost  
every man who took the slightest interest  
in the economical administration of our  
government, looked askance at any naval  
appropriation. Since the breaking out of  
the war, however, the succession of victo-  
ries of that branch of our fighting forces  
has turned the tide of public opinion until  
now the general opinion obtains throughout  
the land that "nothing is too good for the  
navy." And if nothing is too good for the  
navy there would seem to be no better  
place to put this popular ruling into ac-  
tual practice than at the training school for  
naval officers—the Annapolis academy.

This winter's course at the academy will  
witness many changes, improvements and  
innovations. These will include the begin-  
ning of the work of the reconstruction of  
the academy buildings, which have been  
for some years now in a deplorable con-  
dition; the presence of Naval Constructor  
Richardson P. Hobson at the head of the  
department of naval construction; and the  
greatest novelty the old academy has seen  
for many a day, the introduction of an  
Italian professor of deportment, etiquette  
and dancing.

Naval Constructor Hobson's work at  
the academy will be resumed soon after  
he returns from his trip to Cuba, where  
he is to conduct the work of raising the  
sunk Spanish ship, the Reina Mercedes.  
Hobson established the course of  
naval architecture at the academy and  
therefore the work will not only be con-  
genial but thoroughly familiar to him.

His class last year consisted of only  
three cadets, one of whom was Ensign  
Powell, who watched all night for Hob-  
son at the entrance of Santiago harbor,  
when the Mercedes was sunk. Powell  
is now a line officer, but he intends com-  
pleting his studies under Hobson, whose  
course this year will take a much higher  
rank than during the first year in its ex-  
istence.

The latter added to Hobson's career by  
the Mermaid incident and his subse-  
quent work on the Maria Teresa and Reina  
Mercedes gives added importance to his  
work as instructor in the class room. And  
the presence of so distinguished a hero  
as Ensign Powell will make the class a  
marked one in the history of the academy.  
The number of cadets taking this course  
this year will be the largest in its history.

The rebuilding of the academy is now  
under way, congress at its last session  
having appropriated \$1,000,000 of the  
\$3,000,000 necessary to complete the work.  
The Naval academy has been neglected  
for so long that the commission appointed  
by the secretary of the navy in 1885 to  
examine the buildings found them in a  
bad condition to justify repairs. The  
commission, however, had their views for  
the reconstruction of the buildings im-  
pounded in comprehensive plan for the  
rebuilding of the academy and this work  
is begun with the construction of an arm-  
ory, bathhouse and power house. Ulti-  
mately, all the buildings will be replaced ex-  
cepting the library, an old colonial build-  
ing, formerly the residence of the governor  
of Maryland, which will be restored and  
used as a superintendent's residence, and the  
old fort, built in 1808, which is now used  
for a gymnasium.

The new plan comprehends the arrange-  
ment of the buildings in three groups, lo-  
cated respectively to the east, west and  
south of the campus, leaving the fourth  
side open to the river. The first of these  
groups will consist of the cadets' quarters,  
the armory and the bath house. The ca-  
dets' quarters will stand on the site of the  
present superintendent's house, which com-  
mands a magnificent view of the bay. Its  
greatest length will be 600 feet and it will  
contain 100 rooms, 40 of which will be  
accommodated for 500 cadets. Every cadet  
will have his own bedroom, and the  
sitting room or study will serve for two.

The armory, located about 225 feet south  
of the cadets' quarters, is to be 100 feet  
long and 100 feet wide in the clear. It  
will contain 100 rooms, 40 of which will  
be accommodated for 500 cadets. Every cadet  
will have his own bedroom, and the  
sitting room or study will serve for two.

The bath house corresponds in size and  
general appearance to the armory, and oc-  
cupies a corresponding position to the north  
of the cadets' quarters. Marine vessels ex-  
tend from the basin into the bath house,  
so that vessels can be readily run in and  
out. Besides accommodations for boats,  
it will also contain a swimming pool, a  
rowing tank, a model room, a sail loft,  
work room and blacksmith shop, paint shop  
and store room.

The second group includes the officers'  
quarters, only, while the third group of  
buildings consists of the academic building,  
power house, steam engineering building  
and the physics and chemistry building.  
The academic building, second in size and  
importance of those proposed, measures  
140 feet in length by 70 feet in depth.  
The ground floor near the entrance is de-  
voted to the offices of the administration.  
In this building is the library, which oc-  
cupies the entire western side and is com-  
pletely separated from the rest by two com-  
paratively small courts.

North of the academic building and  
standing on the quay at the western end  
of the basin is a group of three buildings,  
the power house, steam engineering building  
and the physics and chemistry building of  
the same size, and the building for the storage  
of coal, 100 by 200 feet. These buildings are  
so placed that vessels can conveniently  
discharge freight alongside. South of the  
academic building is the physics and chem-  
istry building, about 200 feet long by 60  
feet wide.

The introduction to the Naval academy  
curriculum of an instructor of deportment,  
etiquette and dancing, would seem to in-  
dicate that the "bluff, old sea dog" of the  
Captain Merry at Annapolis was no longer a  
thing to be encouraged by the officers of  
our navy. It might be suggested that the  
experience of Constructor Hobson at a  
seaside hotel in the past summer may have  
convinced the heads of the academy's sev-  
eral departments that if our naval officers  
are to be social lions it would be an ad-  
mirable thing that they should be graceful ones  
and therefore the latest addition to the  
curriculum was considered worthy of the  
cadets' attention.

The class in charge of Signor Joseph  
Hazzard, a teacher of dancing in Baltimore.  
The professor's duties are, in his own lan-  
guage, "to convey to the cadets the knowl-  
edge of how to be graceful and harmonious  
in their movements, as well as to have  
a good carriage of the figure"—though to  
anyone who has ever seen an Annapolis  
cadet it would scarcely seem necessary to  
instruct them in the carriage of the fig-  
ure.

Professor Hazzard thinks that a large  
part of his time probably will be taken up  
with the new duties, and is of the opinion  
that the government did an eminently wise

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and proper thing when it established the  
course in deportment, etiquette and dan-  
cing. The future captains, commodores and ad-  
mirals of the United States navy should  
be taught simply to handle ships, manage  
men, shoot big guns, destroy the enemy and  
raise his ships after they have been rid-  
dled with shot and shell, but should do  
these things gracefully and should be  
taught to ornament a drawing room as  
well as a man of war.

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